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**From:** jimtobler@yahoo.com  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Wed, Apr 2, 2003 1:41 PM  
**Subject:** Preserve Media Diversity: Keep the FCC Rulemaking an Open Process

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**To:** KathleenAbernathy  
**Date:** Wed, Apr 2, 2003 1:57 PM  
**Subject:** Making Nazi Media- Preserve Media Diversity:

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Dear FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy,

Hitler would be proud of you and your actions to have just a few people have total ownership of the media. Then we can implement the New World Order (The New Nazis) You should resign as a known enemy of the Constitution and Bill of Rights. You are more dangerous to the American People than Communist China.

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**From:** djbohney@mchsi.com  
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**Subject:** Protect Children's Television!

FCC Commissioner Jonathan **S.** Adelstein

Dear FCC Commissioner Jonathan **S.** Adelstein,

The following letter was sent to AK legislators. I am sharing it with you as well as it discusses food advertising and my request of my legislators.

April 2, 2003

I am a registered nurse and graduate student. My research area is child nutrition. Please note that in these days of ?information overload?, I have made a conscious effort to draw information from reputable sources. I will address several issues but they have one common link: the welfare of our children.

The number of U. **S.** children, 0 to 18 years of age, has increased by 8.6 million in the past decade (19,000 in Alaska, 442,000 in Georgia). This hails in comparison to the 17.5 million born in the 1950s decade but far surpasses the growth rate of any other decade since the 1900s.

The food advertising industry spends \$13 billion annually. The average child watches more than 10,000 food advertisements per year (27/day) and only 2% of these are for healthy food. The prevalence of obesity and time spent watching television has been significantly correlated.

Fourteen percent of our nation?s children and youth are too heavy. Our society has become sedentary, spending countless hours in front of the television and computer. Fast food has become a mainstay. As a reporter from The Australian stated, ??fast food chains keep introducing ever-bigger portions: What was a regular Coke is now small; a large serve becomes a value deal, so that self-indulgence is marketed as self-denial?. This ?portion distortion? is seen in home meal preparation, too.

Our country has suffered a ?societal shift?. We have become ?The Culture of Fear? (Glassner, 1999). Are our fears that keep **us** from letting our children play outside, ride their bikes, and otherwise get the physical activity they need proportional to the everyday risks



of life?

The finger of blame can not be pointed at one sole entity. The advertising industry, parents and youth themselves, and society in general share a major part in healthy nutrition and physical activity.

When does gluttony and sedentary lifestyles become a legislative issue? It becomes an issue when parents, who make efforts to limit television viewing times, ask for help controlling what is advertised on television. It becomes an issue when cities and parks do not allow for safe physical activity. It becomes an issue when taxpayers are asked to underwrite bad habits that could have been otherwise prevented if proper child nutrition, physical activity, and education had been a priority. I would like you to support the following issues: Child nutrition programs, ban or limit to unhealthy food advertising, and ban on vending machines in the school systems.

Child nutrition programs play a vital role in American schools. Research shows that children who eat a nutritious school breakfast and lunch perform better academically than children who do not. Please support full funding of child nutrition programs at the level requested by President Bush in his 2004 budget proposal. Any funding cuts to these programs will be devastating to the 28 million children served by the federal child nutrition programs.

I tread lightly asking your support of the two bans / limits requested. No one, particularly Alaskans who are trying desperately to hold on to the freedoms of the Last Frontier, may appreciate such actions. I request your support eradicating unhealthy food advertising / availability, and if not that, balancing the quantity and quality of bad and healthy food advertising / availability

I sincerely appreciate your time.

Very respectfully

//SIGNED// Donna J. Bohney, RN, BSN

cc: The Honorable Ted Stevens The Honorable Don Young  
The Honorable Lisa Murkowski FCC Edited version to  
Fairbanks Daily News Miner and the Valdosta Daily Times,  
Valdosta GA

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Donna Bohney  
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**Valdosta, Georgia 31605**

**cc:  
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Senator Saxby Chambliss  
Senator Zell Miller**

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**From:** Karen Sheaffer  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, Mar 28, 2003 8:20 PM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Karen Sheaffer (ksheaffer@rcn.com) writes:

I IMPORE YOU TO EXTEND THE DEBATE TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE NEXT YEAR, REQUIRING ALSO EXTENSIVE MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE DEBATES, TO RESTORE THE MEDIA TO THE PEOPLE AND FULFILL THE PROTECTION OF PEOPLE FROM A CENTRALIZED POWERFUL PRESS GUARANTEED IN THE FIRST AMENDMENT

This is ESSENTIAL to recovering our democracy; Jefferson had it right:  
WITHOUT A FREE PRESS, THERE CAN BE NO DEMOCRACY

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**From:** Mason Nutter  
**To:** Mike Powell  
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**Subject:** Preserve Diversity and Openness in the Media and on the Internet

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Chair Powell:

The Federal Communications Commission is responsible for ensuring that the media serve the public interest. I am concerned that the FCC is acting on behalf of big business rather than the people.

It is clear that the FCC has stepped up its efforts to de-regulate the media and telecommunications industries. You must act now to halt further media consolidation and to preserve the openness and diversity of the Internet.

As a supporter of women's rights, I am concerned that the current media merger free-for-all threatens to rob **us** all of the independent voices, views and ideas that nourish a pluralistic, democratic society. Ownership consolidation is squeezing out what little diversity remains in the marketplace.

The media are more than just a business; they bring information to people that affects their lives. We cannot have a healthy democracy, and women cannot pursue equal rights, if we are uninformed on the issues. The media have a responsibility to serve the public interest and ensure that all voices are heard. It is your job to promote this.

Please remember **U.S.** consumers and citizens when you review any further regulations. The media giants already control far too much of our precious information resources.

Knowledge is power, and a free and diverse media is crucial to any democracy. To allow further mergers only further stifles the voices of women, minorities, and all those who are shut out of the prosperity enjoyed by the few. Imagine what Thomas Paine would say about the situation facing **us** today! Corporate media is un-American. Media which **is** viewed by everyone should speak for everyone.

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